



Kareem Ali

October 18, 1948 - June 7, 2016

Mr. Kareem Ali of Lithonia, GA passed Tuesday, June 7, 2016. A memorial service will be held 1:00 PM Friday, June 10th, 2016 at the Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home, South DeKalb Chapel. 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway. Decatur, Ga 30034. 404-241-5656.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
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Tribute Wall

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Kareem was born and raised in Queens, New York. In the 1960's when Kareem was a teenager the family moved to Decatur, Georgia. His sister, Patricia, remembers him growing up as a gentle spirit, quiet and observant but readily expressing affection and quick to say, I love you.

Kareem was an avid lover of sports but boxing and basketball were his favorites and he continued to play basketball throughout his entire life. Growing up he often shared stories with his children about his New York days and playing basketball with a neighborhood friend, Lew Alcindor; who he not only shared a love of basketball but also the same name, as 'Lew' grew up to be the well-known Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

In 1975 Kareem relocated to Michigan at which time he met a host of life-long friends one of which included his future wife, Makini Ahket. Of this union they had 3 beautiful children, Enid Mahasin, Hayat Muneerah, and Tariq Mustafa. After separating and the passing of his father Kareem moved back to Georgia to be closer to his mother, whom he was very close to and shared a special love.

Kareem was a deeply spiritual and politically minded man who studied the Quran, Dr. Yosef Alfredo Antonio Ben-Jochannan, referred to by his admirers as "Dr. Ben", and many other leaders within the African-American and Islamic Community. He was also very health and fitness conscious. Kareem followed a vegetarian diet for over 40 years and rarely missed an opportunity to work out.

He was a firm believer in “your body is your temple”.

Kareem also never missed an opportunity to mentor not only youth, but the community at large. Most recently he “discovered” Facebook which he found to be a great platform to pass on a wealth of knowledge and information, from culture and history, to religion and politics. He covered it all. Kareem was a great example that knowledge comes from learning and studying and wisdom is earned through the observation and living of a very full life. He mastered both.

He is survived by his three children, Enid (Eric) Ali-Reed, Hayat (George) Ali-Duncan and Tariq Ali, his mother; Dorothy Mobley, siblings; Patricia Mobley and Billy (Sandra) Mobley, nieces; Dorothy (Christopher) Burton and their children, Kieshawn (Marquis) Ford and their daughters, and Stacy and her family; nephews, Curtis (preceded in death) and Mark and his family, his grandchildren Amber Zuri, Yasmin Zoe, Xavier, Justin, and Shaddai, the mother of his children, friend, and ex-wife Makini Ahket, a special friend; Carol Rowe, as well as a host of other relatives and close friends.

Kareem's presence will be deeply missed...

"This life, all of it, is nothing but a single chapter of a novel with numerous chapters, and death is not the end of the adventure, it is the beginning of it."

Dr. Mustafa Mahmud

Enid - June 16, 2016 at 10:26 AM

BP

“ I'm sorry that your loved one fell asleep in death. God's Word assures us: "Your dead will live....They will rise up." ~Isaiah 26:19. Keep in mind that God empowered Jesus to resurrect dead ones in the past, giving us evidence of what he will do in the future. Jesus assures us..."I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." ~John 11:25.

B. Parks - June 10, 2016 at 02:09 PM

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Mr. Ali and may God be a refuge and strength in your time of sorrow.(Psalms 46:1)

P. Watts - June 10, 2016 at 11:29 AM

KR

“ ALI WILL BE SURELY MISSED, HE WAS JUST OVER TO THE HOUSE SUNDAY BEFORE LAST WITH HIS FRIEND FROM DETROIT. HE SAID HE HAD COMPLETED HIS BOOK (FINALLY) BUT, LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT HE HAD REALLY FINISHED HIS BOOK. HE WILL BE MISSED, BUT MAY THE BROTHER REST IN PEACE AND SUFFER NO MORE.

KATHY RILEY

Kathy Riley - June 09, 2016 at 10:50 PM

GF

“ I've been sitting here thinking about Kwanzaa and other family gatherings . I first met Ali on Washtenaw CC Campus during Black Students Union meeting . So many great memories between our families . I was sure after I missed seeing on Kwanzaa last year . I was sure my and I family would get a chance to see him later . God Bless Kareem Ali . Grace Fouche'

Grace Fouche' - June 09, 2016 at 10:37 AM

RS

“ When our loved ones fall asleep in death, our hearts become heavy with grief and sadness. The Bible offers us words of comfort. Hosea 13:14 says; From the power of the grave I (God) will redeem them; From death I will recover them. May you also find comfort in the words found at Psalm 147:3 which says; He (God) heals the brokenhearted; He binds up their wounds. These scriptures can help you cope with the sadness and grief now and in the days ahead.

R. Sweatman - June 08, 2016 at 07:27 AM

KI

“ My sincerest condolences to the family of Kareem Ali. Losing a loved one in death is painful. It is such times like this that we should look to the Almighty God for comfort. Psalm 34:18 says, "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit."

May your reflection on this promise and your many fond memories of Kareem give you the strength you need to endure this difficult time.

Kim - June 08, 2016 at 06:10 AM